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SUBJ: PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S REPLY TO PRESIDENT FORD'S MESSAGE

1. EMBASSY INFORMED BY OFFICE OF PRESIDENCY AND SECRETARIAT FOREIGN RELATIONS THAT PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S REPLY TO MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD, DELIVERED YESTERDAY BY AMBASSADOR JOVA, WAS TRANSMITTED DIRECTLY TO WHITE HOUSE BY TELEGRAM. BOTH PRESIDENT FORD'S MESSAGE AND PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S REPLY PUBLISHED WIDELY IN MEXICO CITY PRESS ON AUGUST 10. TEXT OF PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S MESSAGE, IN INFORMAL TRANSLATION, FOLLOWS.

2. TEXT

"NATIONAL PALACE, AUGUST 9, 1974.

DISTINGUISHED MISTER PRESIDENT:

THROUGH THE KIND ACTION OF AMBASSADOR JOSEPH JOHN JOVA, I HAVE RECEIVED THE CORDIAL MESSAGE WHICH YOU SENT ME ON THIS DATE, AN ACTION WHICH I CONSIDER A SPECIAL ATTENTION TOWARD MY COUNTRY.

IN EXPRESSING MY APPRECIATION FOR THIS KINDNESS (SP. DEFERENCIA), I WANT TO CONVEY TO YOU MY SATISFACTION FOR THE PROMPTNESS WITH WHICH YOU HAVE PROCEEDED CLEARLY TO MAKE KNOWN YOUR INTENTION THAT THE PREVAILING GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN MEXICO AND THE UNITED
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STATES SHOULD CONTINUE AND PROSPER. I ALSO TOOK NOTE, WITH

PLEASURE, THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT WILL NOT FAIL TO HONOR ITS
INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS AND THAT IT WILL DEDICATE ITSELF TO
THE GREAT CAUSES OF PEACE AND PROGRESS IN THE WORLD.

IN CONGRATULATING YOU UPON YOUR ASSUMPTION OF THE HIGHEST
OFFICE (SP. EL MAS RELEVANTE CARGO) OF YOUR COUNTRY AND WISHING
YOU A BRILLIANT SUCCESS IN YOUR ACTIONS, I TRUST, AS DO YOU,
THAT THE BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR NATIONS WILL CONTINUE
TO BE THOSE OF MUTUAL RESPECT AND EFFECTIVE COOPERATION FOR THE
WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT OF BOTH PEOPLES.

I ALSO EXPRESS TO YOU MY CONGRATULATIONS FOR HAVING CONFIRMED
AS SECRETARY OF STATE DOCTOR HENRY A. KISSINGER, WHO HAS
DEMONSTRATED A KEEN INTEREST IN UNDERSTANDING IN DEPTH THE
PRESENT RELATIONS BETWEEN LATIN AMERICA AND THE UNITED STATES,
IN ORDER TO RAISE THEM TO THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF UNDERSTANDING AND
RECIPROCAL BENEFIT.

VERY CORDIALLY,
LUIS ECHEVERRIA."
END TEXT.
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